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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/08

SPONSOR Begaye LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 557

SHORT TITLE Native American Youth Behavioral Services SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Cox

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$6,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 557 requests an appropriation of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from the General Fund to the Human Services Department for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 and subsequent fiscal years for behavioral health services and support services for Native American youth under the age of twenty-five who are not eligible for Medicaid.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2009 shall not revert to the General Fund.

HSD is the fiscal agent for HB 557. There are no fiscal responsibilities for the Public Education Department (PED).

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED states:

Indicators for needed behavioral health services in the Northwest Region of New Mexico include:

- Of the 196,592 Native Americans in the state, 141,437 are in the northwestern region of New Mexico (UNM, 2005).
- Teen suicide among Native Americans in New Mexico is greater than for whites or Hispanics, with the rate of suicide deaths among Native Americans ages 15 to 24 at 26 per 100,000 (HPC, 2007).
- 35.5% of Native American youth responding to the 2005 Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey reported drug and alcohol use within the past 30 days (NMPED, 2005).
- The Needs Assessment, Resource Inventory and Demographic Data Report of the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (NMBHPC) reported that mental health services for Native American people of all ages were needed (NMBHPC, ND).
- The New Mexico Behavioral Health Strategic Plan FY 08 identifies increasing the number of Medicaid-eligible tribal behavioral health providers and Native American behavioral health workforce development as strategic priorities (NMBHPC, 2007).

Reducing the rate of suicide is one of the Governor's goals and one of the goals of the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan (CBHP) for the state. The Governor's budget recommends additional funding for Native American substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder services.

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## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

HB 557 relates to General Appropriation Act, to HB 528 *Native American Behavioral Health Services* and HB 557 *Native American Youth Behavioral Health*.